

November 29, 2024

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is the **first Sunday of Advent!** We begin a new church year with Sunday scripture readings that focus on the gospel of Luke and highlight the prophet Jeremiah. Join your community this Sunday at a forum on **Advent Spirituality in the Parish Hall from 11:30-12:30 pm.** We will reflect on the meaning of Advent and learn about spiritual practices for the season.



Thanksgiving Outreach



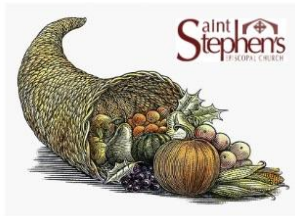
St. Stephen's hosts Girl Scout Troop 40196, a group of 8th and 9th graders led by parishioner Beth Cogan. Each year we match their Thanksgiving Food Shopping Budget to make non-perishable Thanksgiving boxes. They have put together 20 boxes with items pictured above... \$242 coming from Troops funds and \$242 from St. Stephen's Benevity funds. Thank you for continuing to support the troop's annual service project, and thanks to Beth for her leadership!



Saint Stephen's provided Thanksgiving meals for 83 residents at Santos Place and Phyllis Gutierrez Kennedy Place, part of Sand Point housing and sponsored by Solid Ground. Jack Irby and Tom Kinzi organized and delivered the meals, along with the expert supervision of one of Jack's grandsons. This is also a good use of over \$1100 in the church's restricted Benevity funds. Thank you to Jack and Tom!

Stewardship Update: Last Sunday was Ingathering Sunday, a day of gratitude and for the community of St. Stephen's. So far, we are about 2/3 of the way to our \$280,000 goal, with pledges still arriving. If you have

Thanksgiving for New Beginnings



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not yet made your pledge, please pick up a card in the narthex or **print this one** and mail to the church. You can also send an email to [John Plimpton](#), Treasurer. Please make your financial commitment by December 10 **so your name can be included in the list of pledging members on December 15**. Contact [Monty McGovern](#) with questions.

St. Stephen's @ Zoo Lights! On Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:30, join fellow parishioners for the Wildlanterns art and light display at the Woodland Park Zoo. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#). There is a discount for seniors on December 3rd and all ages are welcome. Feel free to invite friends and family members. We will meet just past the West Gate entrance ticket takers.



Please email **Kathy Graunke** and **Jennifer Gary** to let us know you are coming. Kathy's phone number is 206-321-0189 and Jennifer's is 206-854-6271. Call if you are running late or can't find us. There will be options for food and drink, details TBD. If you need or can offer transportation, please email us. We look forward to seeing you!

Gifts for Neighbors at Sand Point Community Housing: On Sunday, December 8 at 11:30 in the Parish Hall, we will gather to write Christmas cards and enclose gift cards for our neighbors at Sand Point Community Housing. Donations of \$50 gift cards from Fred Meyer or funds to purchase them are most welcome. Contact **Jack Irby** for more information.



Advent Party and Carol Sing

Join your community on Sunday, December 15 from 11:30-12:30 in the Parish Hall to sing carols and enjoy a soup lunch. The third Sunday of Advent is also known as "Gaudete Sunday," a day of sharing joy over the coming of Christmas. **Submit the names of your favorite carols here** so our Director of Music Marshall Lombard can include them in the line-up. Please contact **Jennifer Gary** if you would like to help with hospitality.

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Carol Sing and Choral Music

Come sing some favorite Christmas carols and enjoy beautiful music offered by the St. Stephen's Choir

4:30 pm. Celebration of the Nativity and Holy Eucharist

Hear the Christmas Story and share in Holy Communion with your faith community

There is no service at St. Stephen's on Christmas Day. Saint Mark's Cathedral offers a Festal Eucharist with Carols at 10 am. More information [here](#).



peace to you,

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Sermons @ St.
Stephen's

Community Engagement

Bring Christmas to a Seafarer!

Every year, the Seattle Seafarers Center (Mission to Seafarers) provides over 1,000 ditty bags stuffed with basic personal necessities to merchant seafarers. These bags are one way we give thanks for these essential and often hidden workers, and help seafarers celebrate the holidays while they are far from home. Help make a seafarer's Christmas by providing them with a ditty bag to say thank you!

You can participate by making drawstring bags or knit hats, or purchase basic supplies (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste) and drop those off at the Center. Financial gifts for supplies are deeply appreciated, too! Visit SSC's website [here](#) or [email the Center](#).

Coming Up at St. Stephen's

Sundays 10:00am Holy Eucharist (Nave/Church) and Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

Sundays 3:00pm Youth Group Food Program (Narthex)

Wednesdays 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

December 1 11:30 Advent Spirituality (Parish Hall)

December 3 5:30 pm Parish Event at Zoo Lights (Woodland Park Zoo)

December 8 11:30 am Card-Writing and Gifts for Sand Point Comm. Housing (Parish Hall)

December 15 11:30 Carol Sing and Advent Party (Parish Hall)

December 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Carol Sing (Nave)
December 24 4:30 pm Celebration of the Nativity and Holy Eucharist (Nave)

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